



February 17, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for the serious consideration of Brad Zdenek as a candidate for your school's position. I was Mr. Zdenek's primary observer during the 2000-2001 school year while he was employed at Zebulon GT Magnet Middle School as a 6th grade Social Studies teacher. I cannot think of a better candidate for your program.

While a teacher at our school, Mr. Zdenek was committed to helping all students and teachers succeed. Mr. Zdenek created a learning environment that made his social studies class come alive for the students. I frequently received phone calls from parents wanting me to know that while their children never liked school before, they came home talking about "Mr. Z" and his class. Mr. Zdenek's knowledge of children coupled with his unique style of teaching and the incorporation of the various learning styles will help him be an effective instructional leader. Mr. Zdenek also carried his enthusiasm to helping other teachers improve their instruction. Although a first year teacher, he frequently conducted workshops in technology for more veteran staff members and was always willing to help teachers improve their instruction through the use of technology or projects. Mr. Zdenek related well to all members of the staff and was very approachable. This will also contribute to his being an effective instructional leader.

The hard work and enthusiasm Mr. Zdenek displayed while an employee at Zebulon GT Magnet Middle School coupled with his desire to learn and grow, make me certain that he will be able to excel in any role he takes on. Mr. Zdenek's dedication to his job, to students and leaders, and to the field of education in general will make him an excellent addition to your program. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (919) 404-3639 or jacarnes@wcpss.net.

Sincerely,

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